measures for increasing the store of water in the Kukarhalli and Karanji Tanks by deepening the tanks or heightening the bunds should be devised. The water of these tanks when fresh is muddy. Arrangements should be made to filter the water before it is available for being drawn at the fountains. Pending such arrangements it will be worthwhile pumping up water from the rear tanks into the supply channels as used to be done when the tank was low. The cost will not be much, but the gain great. The muddy water is the cause of fevers, coughs and colds and sundry other ailments.

Dewan's reply.—The project for bringing Cauvery water to supply the Kukarhalli Tank is engaging the attention of Government. But the cost will be very heavy, about 40 lakhs of Rupees! The other suggestions will be also duly considered.

Subject No. 319.
Reservation of certain jungles in Mysore District for Railway fuel.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that the jungles of Jinhalli, Hampapur and Naganapur have been reserved for Railway fuel. As this will greatly interfere with the supply of firewood to the inhabitants of Mysore, it is urged that these jungles may not be so reserved.

Mr. Ricketts.—They have not yet been reserved. There is a proposal to that effect. But the proposal has not yet been accepted.

Dewan's reply.—We will not reserve them in the manner complained of for the contractor of Railway fuel.

Subject No. 320.
A standing committee required for Mysore Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There should always be a standing committee for the Mysore City Municipality. The Vice-President and the President of the Municipal Board frequently change and there is a want of continuity in policy and procedure. Work often begun by one officer, remaining unfinished when he leaves continues to remain unfinished in various parts of the City. Information is often not procurable. Houses once bought from Municipal Funds for some public improvement, continue to be in the occupation of the persons from whom they were bought. The appointment and continued existence of a standing committee of the Board would obviate all this. But if we have a permanent Vice-President, no standing committee would be necessary.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion will be considered.

Subject No. 321.
Re-distribution of roadside chattrams.

Summary of discussion.—The advent of the Railway system in Mysore has changed conditions considerably. Chattrams which were once useful for travellers by being situated on a high road are now useless, because that high road has been superseded by the Railway. But the institutions continue and no one except the servants borne on the establishment and such other local residents as may be fed there are benefited. Of this the chattrams on the road from Mysore to Bangalore are examples. It is therefore suggested that the

allocation of these institutions may be thoroughly revised, so as to suit the altered state of things and best serve the purpose for which they exist.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for needful consideration.

Subject No. 322.
Abolition of the insolvency law.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of affording relief to insolvent debtors should be abolished. There is much public evil from the law in this matter, and under its shelter there is much fraud practised. This has often been urged before.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 323.
Extension of Mysore City.

Summary of discussion.—The Mysore City is becoming over-crowded in parts, and house rent is increasing inordinately. Help should be given for extending the City.

Dewan's reply.—This is being done, and Government will be glad to do whatever may be possible and expedient.

Subject No. 324.
Licenses on trades and callings.

Summary of discussion.—At present various Mohatarfa taxes in Mysore City are assessed at jamabandi time, disputes arise and there is difficulty in settling them. It is better that licenses for every item should be given and taken.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 325.
Kakipailvan Masjid at Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Some help was promised in the matter of approach to the Kakipailvan Masjid at Mysore.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner and the Sanitary Engineer have received instructions.

Subject No. 326.
Whole time Vice-President for Mysore Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Government should kindly allow the Mysore Municipality to have a whole time Vice-President well experienced in sanitary matters. At present the multifarious duties which the Vice-President has, do not allow of his doing justice to Municipal wants. If an officer be appointed exclusively for Municipal work, the Municipality may well pay him Rs. 300 a month from Municipal Funds. At present even with a *Vice*-President and a City Amildar the work is not satisfactorily performed.

Dewan's reply.—This is a good suggestion. We will try and give you a whole time Vice-President.

Subject No. 327.
Midwives for Mysore City.

Summary of discussion.—Each Mohalla should be provided with at least one midwife. Her salary should be a sort of retaining fee. It should be her duty to attend on all cases in which she is called, receiving what fees may be paid to her. At present there is great difficulty in procuring female medical aid and often none is procuarble unless heavy fees are previously agreed upon and carriage supplied. A class for training midwife should also be established in connection with the Maharani's Female Hospital, and some medical knowledge may be imparted in the Maharani's Girls' School also.